

ROOSEVELT BOOM IN WEST

La Follette Leaders View It With Alarm

STRONG IN NORTH DAKOTA

They Suspect the Roosevelt Strength May Be Turned Over to Taft if the Colonel Announces That He Will Not Accept.

Washington, Dec. 26.—La Follette leaders are in distress over the growth of the Roosevelt boom in the West. Back in their minds lurks a suspicion to which they are not giving utterance (that possibly in due season the Roosevelt strength may be turned over to President Taft). They do not openly charge that the colonel is working hand in glove with the supporters of the president, but they fear that when the time comes for Roosevelt to announce that he will not accept a nomination—and they believe such an announcement will inevitably be made—the Roosevelt forces will line up behind Mr. Taft.

The La Follette leaders view with alarm recent developments in the West. They point to the petition that has been filed with the secretary of state of Nebraska that the name of Theodore Roosevelt be placed upon the official ballot to be voted for at the forthcoming presidential preference primaries in that state. They are also concerned over the situation in North and South Dakota and Oregon, where there is a good deal of La Follette sentiment. North Dakota and Oregon have presidential preference primary laws. The primary in the former state will be held in March and North Dakota Republicans will thus have the first opportunity to indicate their choice among the various candidates whose names have been mentioned.

The managers of the La Follette movement have been hopeful of obtaining an expression in the North Dakota and Nebraska primaries that would be favorable to the Wisconsin senator. The injection of Col. Roosevelt's name into the politics of these two states may seriously upset their plans. North Dakota particularly is strong for Col. Roosevelt, as against Taft and La Follette. This is admitted by North Dakota Republicans, among them Representative L. B. Hanna, who said:

"It would not be accurate to say that North Dakota Republicans are for the nomination of President Taft. The president has many friends there, but there are many Republicans who are against him, some of whom are against him because they are for La Follette and others who are bitter because of the president's personal or Canadian reciprocity. There is unquestionably a strong Roosevelt sentiment in our state and if the former president would consent to become a candidate he would sweep North Dakota. Col. Roosevelt is known in North Dakota better than he is in most states, for he lived on a ranch there for years. I think there is no doubt that Roosevelt could get the North Dakota delegation and that he surely would carry the state in the election."

Roosevelt's popularity in North Dakota is attested by the La Follette managers. They are apprehensive that his name will be used in the presidential primary to be held in that state in March. Under the North Dakota law, a petition signed by Republican voters to the number of 1 per cent. of the vote cast at the last elections would make any man a candidate for the presidency in the primary so far as North Dakota is concerned. In the Congress elections of 1910, 50,000 Republican votes were polled in North Dakota. It would thus take only 500 signatures to make Col. Roosevelt a candidate before the Republicans of the state. The La Follette leaders would like to see the former president note his disapproval of any movement in North Dakota to bring him into the race. Col. Roosevelt has not condemned the action of his friends in Nebraska and doubt is expressed that he will do anything in the case of North Dakota.

Oregon Republicans, according to information received here, are strong for

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La Follette at the present time. It is the general belief that Mr. La Follette would lose ground there if Senator Jonathan Bourne came out against him. Mr. Bourne advocated the nomination of Mr. Roosevelt in 1908. He held out until the Republican national convention of that year had registered its will. There is said to be bad blood between Senators La Follette and Bourne. The suspicion has long been entertained here that Mr. Bourne believes he is presidential timber himself and that he is envious of the prominence given the La Follette boom. When he will line up is problematical.

That the La Follette movement will be halted unless Col. Roosevelt soon makes it clear that he will not be a candidate next year is generally admitted by the friends of the Wisconsin senator. Everything was moving smoothly at the La Follette headquarters until prominence was given Col. Roosevelt as a possibility in 1912. Since then the La Follette managers have been in a state of uncertainty, as have Republicans identified with the regular faction.

In the meantime Senator La Follette is going ahead with his campaign. He will soon start for Indiana and Ohio, where he will deliver a series of speeches in which he will outline his platform. Upon his return to Washington, he will present tariff bills designed as substitutes for those that are to be passed by the Democratic House. Mr. La Follette's tariff proposals will be a part of the platform upon which he is to go before the Republican national convention of 1912 as a presidential candidate.

PARENTS OF THIRTEEN BORN IN THREE YEARS

Most Remarkable Family in the Country Discovered in Oklahoma.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 26.—His recent complaint that the railway station waiting room at Boynton, Ok., was without fire on a bitterly cold day, led to the discovery that J. N. Jackson and his wife are parents of 13 children, born in three years. Their 14th child, a son, is now 14 years old.

Five years ago the increase in the Jackson family became marked. The Jackson twins are now five years old. Triplets succeeded the twins in 12 months, and in another year triplets again made their appearance; but one year after the last triplets came five children on the same day.

The last five are still alive, but the health of the whole family, declares Jackson, was impaired by the absence of warmth in the Boynton station waiting room. It is hinted that the commission will reprimand the railroad company.

MURDER OVER CHRISTMAS TRUMPETS

Former Gloucester Man Cuts Throat of Opponent at Maine Quarry.

St. George, Me., Dec. 26.—As the result of a quarrel over the possession of a holiday supply of whiskey, John H. Fellows, aged 60 years, a former Gloucester, Mass., fisherman, cut the throat of Richard Ingelham, a stone cutter, with a carving knife in the quarrymen's camp Saturday night.

Fellows claims he acted in self defense and that Ingelham, a larger and younger man, had attacked him with a stone. Fellows acted as cook for the quarrymen and stone cutters, and in that capacity had charge of the supply of liquor which had been put in for Christmas. Ingelham is charged to have demanded some of the whiskey, enforcing his demand with threats and the use of the poker.

Fellows came here three months ago from Gloucester. Ingelham leaves a widow and family in Scotland.

Fellows gave himself up to Deputy Sheriff John H. Smalley of Tenant's Harbor.

GIRL'S BODY IN THE YARD.

Father Thinks She May Have Walked in Her Sleep.

New York, Dec. 26.—The half dressed body of Rose Brown, the 23-year-old daughter of P. B. Brown, a wealthy real estate dealer, was found by a butcher boy Sunday morning in the yard of the fashionable Park avenue apartment house in which the family lived. The girl's skull was fractured.

The father would not entertain the idea of suicide, but said that his daughter must have walked in her sleep to the roof of the building and fallen off. She returned from a Christmas celebration in good spirits, he said. Mr. Brown did not miss his daughter until awakened by the crowd which responded to the butcher boy's cries.

SAFE-CRACKERS IN LYNN.

Did a Good Job in Broad Daylight and Got Away.

Lynn, Mass., Dec. 26.—Professional safe blowers descended upon Lynn in broad daylight Sunday and succeeded in opening a vault in Goddard Brothers' department store and getting away without being detected. They got all the cash there was in the safe, about \$500, the small amount being due to the fact that the storekeepers by special arrangement with the banks of the city were enabled to deposit their day's receipts at the close of business Saturday night.

Entrance to the Goddard store, which is the largest department store in the city, was gained by climbing the fire escape and forcing a rear window. The safe was situated on the third floor, and after opening the outer door by the use of wires and other instruments, the inner door was blown with nitro-glycerine. No one heard the explosion, and it was not until Sunday evening, when the night watchman went on duty and started his rounds, that the break was discovered. The police are satisfied that it was the work of professionals and a general round-up of suspicious persons is being made.

PROBLEMS AT WASHINGTON

Surfeit of Bills Revising the Wool Tariff

ARE TO BE PRESENTED

Admissions Made by Republicans—Say That It Is Going to Be Very Hard Work—Not All Harmony.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Republican members of the ways and means committee of the House are saying that the framing of their own wool bill is going to be one of the most difficult tariff propositions ever handled by tariff experts, and whereas usually a whole tariff bill can be framed in five months, exclusive of the time given to hearings, the proposed wool bill will take, on its own account, at least a month, and maybe more, to draft, and that, too, with the information they will want to base their bill upon right before them. It is declared that never before has a tariff bill been constructed with special reference to the actual cost of production at home and abroad. This has heretofore been guessed at. It was consequently more or less easy to fix a rate. Now, however, the cost has been ascertained in quite a scientific manner.

There is a standard to go by and a standard which it is believed in the matter of wool and woollens the people accept and believe in, and which will have to be followed if the wool and woollen bill is to have the confidence of the people and their support. The line of demarcation is declared to be fairly well defined. Above it will be excessive protection and below it not enough. And yet it is pointed out the cost of production as ascertained varies in all parts of the world, being different for Canada, for New Zealand, for Australia, for England and so on, and additionally the cost of production in the United States is found to have a varying quantity. To fix then tariff rates that will provide protection for all and yet not be far from the line of demarcation is going to be a delicate problem, it is declared. The considerations will have to be more or less minute and more of detail introduced in the bill than ever before. Of course, a good deal of these troubles could be quickly done away with by making all raw wool free, but even those Republicans who desire this admit they are helpless, that not being the policy of the Republicans as expressed in party platforms. The idea cannot be entertained.

It is also regarded as a pity that there must be more than one tariff problem at this session. It is believed more successful work could be done by finishing each tariff problem before another is permitted to intrude. Before the wool bill is even finally drafted, the report of the tariff board on the cotton schedule will be sent to Congress and then there are to follow, in all probability, reports on chemicals and metals, and all these have an interlacement which becomes embarrassing in the single consideration of any bill, with these hanging around waiting to be taken up.

It would appear that there is not complete harmony in the Republican ranks on the tariff. While there is the greatest pleasure in the pacific attitude of Representative Dalzell of Pennsylvania, heretofore an arch high protectionist, but who is now ready to lend his aid in revising schedule K, appears that Representative Fordney of Michigan, who is of the ways and means committee and thoroughly hidebound in his ultra high tariff views, is so disgusted with the prospects of the Republicans venturing on a downward revision on something, that he has absented himself from Washington. He has not allowed his views to be known what he favors, and his fellow committeemen say, "We don't care."

Democratic members of the ways and means committee under the direction of Representative Underwood, the chairmen, have already begun the preparation of a bill; the Republican members of the committee are likewise preparing a bill, and last night Senator Smoot of Utah, a member of the finance committee, announced his approval of the tariff board's report on the woolen schedule and added that he, too, would prepare a bill.

"I am pleased with the tariff board's report on schedule K," said the senator, and hoped that the findings of that board will be accepted by the American people, coming as they do from a non-partisan board."

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woolen industry as now established and maintained, "by the Republican policy of protection," the senator continued: "I will prepare a bill in which the rates of duty imposed will equal the difference of the cost of production and the manufacture of wool in this country and foreign countries, based upon the tariff board's report."

Senator Smoot's bill undoubtedly will not meet the approval of the Democratic members of the ways and means committee, since Mr. Underwood has already announced that he does not favor the president's suggestion of levying the duties on wool by a single specific duty based upon the ascertained pound, and that the House bill to be proposed by the majority of the committee will probably include ad valorem duties, as in the bill passed last summer and vetoed by President Taft.

Sereno Payne, former chairman of the ways and means committee and ranking Republican member, and his Republican colleagues on the committee are drafting a bill to be based, as Senator Smoot's will be, upon the figures sent to Congress by the president, in the tariff board's report. It is reported they will have the co-operation of the administration and this House bill, it is expected, will vary little from the Smoot bill. The Democratic bill, on the other hand, will be based partly upon tariff board's figures and partly upon statistics collected by the majority members of the ways and means committee.

With the Republicans of the House determined to fight against a bill which is not entirely based upon the report, and Republicans in the Senate of the same mind, a protracted struggle is in prospect before revision of the wool tariff is assured.

PARDON IS ASKED.

Governor Mead Reserves Decision in the Jerry Bradley Case.

Rutland, Dec. 26.—There was a hearing in this city Saturday before Governor J. A. Mead on a petition for the pardon of Jerry Bradley, colored, 32 years old, who has served 21 years of a life sentence at the state prison at Windsor. Other governors have been asked in vain to pardon this man.

Bradley came from Florence, Mass. He was convicted in Bennington county court at Manchester on June 16, 1890, of murder in the second degree for taking the life of Mrs. Margaret Shea Mattison. It was pointed out at Saturday's hearing that Bradley had been convicted on purely circumstantial evidence, and that one of the state's principal witnesses had testified differently at the trial than when telling his story prior to it. It is said that Bradley's prison record has been excellent. Governor Mead withheld his decision.

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TAKEN FROM JAIL AND SHOT

King Davis Killed Frederick A. Schwab Last Saturday Night—Body of Lyncher's Victim Is Found Later by Roadside.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 26.—King Davis, a negro, aged 28 years, who Saturday night shot and killed Frederick A. Schwab, (white) at Fairfield, was taken from the lockup at Brooklyn, a suburb of Baltimore, at an early hour yesterday morning and shot to death by a small party of unknown men. Four bullets went through his lungs.

His body was not discovered until several hours later by a passerby who notified the police. Chief Irwin at once started an investigation, but up to last evening had no clue to the perpetrators.

ARRESTED AS HE WRITES ALLEGED CONFESSION

Andrew McConnell Is Said to Have Tried to Kill His Wife—Taken as He Pens Confession.

New York, Dec. 26.—Andrew McConnell, magazine writer and lecturer, was arrested at a reporter's desk in a morning newspaper office last night while writing a confession, it is alleged, of shooting and seriously wounding, Saturday night, his divorced wife, Marion D. McConnell, who now lives at her home in Orchard Grove, N. J., with a bullet wound in her head.

The paper on which McConnell was writing read: "I was forced to shoot my wife. She has tried to vilify an innocent woman."

The police say he later declared that he committed the deed because "She was always making believe I was insane."

PLAYED SANTA CLAUS.

President Taft Made Generous Distribution of Gifts.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—President Taft played Santa Claus yesterday to two score policemen, more than twenty clerks, the secret service men who are on guard at the executive office and dozens of other employees of the White House. To each policeman and married man employed about the White House, outside the office force, the steward presented a fat turkey with the compliments of the president and Mrs. Taft. Each clerk yesterday found an envelope with a five-dollar gold piece in it on his desk.

The president himself acted as Santa Claus for the secret service men who have traveled with him from Boston to Seattle, from Washington to Panama, and on many other journeys. Each guard was given a gold stickpin. One present for Mr. Taft himself that had reached the White House came from Postmaster Douglas at Tuscaloosa, Ala. It was a forty-five pound turkey, one of

the largest ever sent to grace the presidential Christmas dinner.

WILL NOT PARDON MORSE.

President Taft Issues Statement Regarding Harker.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—Charles W. Morse will not be pardoned by President Taft at present. The following statement, issued from the White House at Washington, explains the president's attitude: "The president-to-day called into consultation the surgeon-general of the army, the surgeon-general of the navy, and Maj. M. A. Delaney of the medical corps, United States army, on the report of the board of physicians at Atlanta as to the physical condition of Charles W. Morse. After full consideration of the report, as explained to him by them, the president was not satisfied that immediate action was necessary, but directed that he be kept fully advised at frequent intervals of any changes."

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